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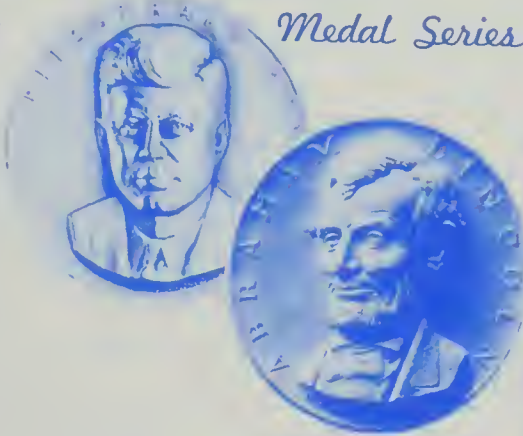
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## EARLIEST COLOMBIAN GOLD

It had always been assumed that the Spanish government issued its first gold money for the northern South American Viceroyalty of Granada during the reign of Ferdinand VI (1746-1760).

However, for years numismatists were puzzled by the occasional, rare occurrence of very crude gold "cob" coins which looked rather ancient and seemed to belong to an earlier period than that of Ferdinand VI. These crude coins did not show up in sufficient quantities to cause a major stir, and when they were offered to collectors, they were usually described as "local imitations" of Spanish-Colonial gold, or even put with coins of Spain proper.

The latter idea stems from the fact that under Philip II, Spain did issue a series of crude gold coins side by side with the regular, well-turned issue, and of course, Mexico also has such a series. The coins that seemed not to fit into any known series, bore the coat of arms of Spain on one side, and the Cross of Jerusalem on the other. Their planchet was always irregular and so cut that on all the specimens seen until a few years ago, neither date nor ruler's name could be read.

But then a hoard of such pieces was discovered at El Mesuno about twenty years ago and suddenly some two-hundred such pieces appeared on the market at one time. Subsequently, many more appeared although the coin, a 2 Escudo piece, is far from common.

The mint mark NR of Bogota was clearly visible on several of the better preserved coins and to everybody's joy, at last some dates. A 1634 and 1635 were clearly read and the name of Philip (IV) also could be seen. It was obvious that the mint of Bogota had been issuing gold coins long before the reign of Ferdinand VI.

To this date, no intermediary coinages in gold have been found from that mint, although this doesn't indicate that some day such a coinage may not be found. The jungles yielded the treasure of El Mesuno and they may yield more later.

It seems unlikely that nothing in gold was struck at Bogota between 1665 and 1746, and we don't even know if an earlier coinage does not also exist. Apparently, an army transport with the entire issue was waylaid in the jungle and never replaced. The El Mesuno

## UNITED STATES COINS

### BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED

DATE	CENT	NICKEL	DIME	DATE	CENT	NICKEL	DIME
1934....	1.25	4.00	3.00	44-S ...	.35	1.00	.60
34-D ...	3.75	5.00	4.00	1945....	.35	.75	.35
1935....	.75	1.25	1.50	45-D ...	.35	.75	.50
35-D ...	1.25	3.25	7.50	45-S ...	.35	.75	.50
35-S ...	1.50	3.50	4.25	1946....	.25	.35	.50
1936....	.50	1.00	.75	46-D ...	.25	.35	.75
36-D ...	.75	1.50	6.50	46-S ...	.35	.75	.90
36-S ...	1.00	1.75	4.75	1947....	.75	.40	1.75
1937....	.50	.75	.75	47-D ...	.35	.40	1.25
37-D ...	.50	1.25	2.50	47-S ...	.35	.60	1.25
37-S ...	.75	2.00	3.50	1948....	.60	.50	2.50
1938....	1.25	1.50	.90	48-D...	.35	.50	1.25
38-D Buff. ----		.75	---	48-S...	.50	1.00	2.00
38-D ...	.90	3.00	1.50	1949....	.75	.75	5.75
38-S ...	1.40	5.00	3.00	49-D...	.50	.75	1.50
1939....	.50	2.00	.75	49-S...	1.25	2.25	6.50
39-D ...	3.00	37.50	1.00	1950....	.50	2.25	2.00
39-S ...	.90	17.50	3.25	50-D...	.35	6.50	.75
1940....	.50	.75	.75	50-S...	.60	---	6.25
40-D ...	.75	1.75	1.00	1951....	.50	.60	.50
40-S ...	.75	2.00	1.00	51-D...	.25	1.50	.50
1941....	.50	.90	.60	51-S...	.90	3.25	6.00
41-D ...	.75	1.00	.90	1952....	.50	.60	.50
41-S ...	.75	1.25	1.25	52-D...	.25	3.00	.50
1942/41.. ---		---	135.00	52-S...	.50	.75	1.50
1942....	.40	#1-1.25	.40	1953....	.25	.35	.45
42-D ...	.40	12.00	.60	53-D...	.20	.45	.45
1942....	---	#2-2.50	---	53-S...	.25	.60	.60
42-S ...	1.75	1.50	1.00	1954....	.35	.35	.35
1943....	.50	.75	.40	54-D...	.20	.35	.35
43-D ...	.50	1.00	.50	54-S...	.20	.40	.50
43-S ...	1.00	1.00	.75	1955....	.20	1.00	.75
1944....	.35	1.00	.40	55-D...	.20	.35	.60
44-D ...	.35	1.00	.45	55-S...	.60	--	.60

### Dimes

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1913 Brill. Uncirculated.....	8.75
1914 Brill. Uncirculated.....	8.25
1914 D, Brill. Uncirculated....	8.50
1916 Barber, Brill. Unc.....	6.75
1918 S, Abt. Unc. 9.00; Unc..	18.75
1921 Good 3.00; V. Good.....	4.50
1927 S, Choice Br. Unc.....	52.50
1929 Brill. Uncirculated.....	3.00
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### EARLIEST COLOMBIAN GOLD (Continued)

hoard was found hard by the Honda river.

The gold for this issue must have come from the mines of Bogota plateau, where gold to this day is being mined.

-- Hans Holzer

### UNCIRCULATED

#### MINT SETS

1941 PDS Set .....	15.75
1942 PDS Set .....	27.50
1943 PDS Set .....	14.75
1944 PDS Set .....	9.50
1945 PDS Set .....	9.50
1946 PDS Set .....	9.25
1947 PDS Set .....	9.75
1948 PDS Set .....	14.75
1949 PDS Set .....	37.50
1950 P DS Set .....	32.50
1951 PDS Set.....	19.50
1952 PDS Set .....	12.50
1953 PDS Set .....	8.75
1954 PDS Set .....	7.25
1955 PDS Set .....	6.25
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1957 P and D Set .....	3.50
1958 P and D Set .....	3.50
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## BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED

DATE	QUARTERS	HALVES	DATE	QUARTERS	HALVES
1932.....	6.00	--	1944.....	1.00	1.50
1932 D....	110.00	--	1944 D....	1.00	1.75
1932 S....	42.50	--	1944 S....	1.50	3.00
1933 S....	---	60.00	1945.....	.90	1.50
1934.....	7.50	5.00	1945 D....	.90	1.60
1934 D....	Wanted	10.00	1945 S....	1.25	2.00
1934 S....	--	Wanted	1946.....	.90	1.50
1935.....	6.00	5.00	1946 D....	1.00	1.75
1935 D....	20.00	Wanted	1946 S....	1.25	2.50
1935 S....	18.50	Wanted	1947.....	.90	1.75
1936.....	4.00	4.00	1947 D....	1.00	2.00
1936 D....	110.00	6.00	1947 S....	1.25	--
1936 S....	16.00	22.50	1948.....	1.00	2.75
1937.....	4.50	5.50	1948 D....	1.00	2.50
1937 D....	4.50	22.50	1948-S....	1.25	--
1937 S....	Wanted	20.00	1949.....	5.00	13.75
1938.....	35.00	6.50	1949 D....	1.00	3.75
1938 D....	---	49.50	1949 S....	--	5.00
1938 S....	9.50	---	1950.....	1.25	4.75
1939.....	4.75	6.75	1950 D....	1.00	3.50
1939 D....	4.75	4.00	1950 S....	2.00	--
1939 S....	17.50	12.00	1951.....	.90	2.25
1940.....	5.75	3.50	1951 D....	.90	2.50
1940 D....	22.50	--	1951 S....	3.50	3.75
1940 S....	3.00	6.75	1952.....	.90	1.75
1941.....	2.00	2.50	1952 D....	.75	1.50
1941 D....	2.50	2.75	1952 S....	1.75	2.00
1941 S....	3.00	4.25	1953.....	.75	2.50
1942.....	1.75	1.75	1953 D....	.75	1.50
1942 D....	2.25	3.50	1953 S....	1.00	1.75
1942 S....	4.50	5.00	1954.....	.60	1.25
1943.....	1.25	1.50	1954 D....	.60	1.25
1943 D....	1.75	3.00	1954 S....	.75	1.50
1943 S....	2.75	4.25	1955.....	.75	1.50
			1955 D....	1.00	--

## Canadian Coins

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1870 Raised Bdr. Fine 5.00; Gd..	2.00
1871 Very Good .....	3.00
1874 H, Plain 4, Fine-V.F. 12.50;	
Fair .....	4.00
1874 H, Crosslet 4,	
Very Good \$4.00; Fair ...	2.00
1875 H, V. Good, holed, \$7.50;	
About Good .....	20.00
1880 H, Fine 2.50; V.Good...	1.50
1881 H, Very Good .....	2.50
1884, About Good .....	20.00
1883 Very Good .....	8.50
1887 About Fine .....	8.50
1889 V. Fine 17.50; Fine.....	12.50
1894 About Fine .....	7.50
1900 Round 0's, Fine-V. Fine..	25.00
1902 Sm. H. V. Gd. 5.00; Fine +,	12.50

1922 Ab. Unc, 1.75; Br. Unc....	\$ 3.50
1923 Fine 60¢; Very Fine....	1.25
1924 Fine 50¢; Ext. Fine.....	1.50
1925 Very Fine .....	25.00
1926 Near 6, Fine 1.50; X. F...	10.00

### 10 CENTS

1945 Brilliant Uncirculated....	3.00
1946 Brilliant Uncirculated....	3.00
1947 Brilliant Uncirculated....	3.25
1948 Brilliant Uncirculated....	25.00
1949 Brilliant Uncirculated....	2.50
1953 Brilliant Uncirculated....	1.50

### 25 CENTS

1892 About Fine .....	3.50
1945 Uncirculated.....	4.00
1947 Maple Leaf, Uncirculated.	4.00
1949 Uncirculated.....	3.25
1951 Uncirculated .....	2.50

## WHAT IS THE VELD POND ?

Many collectors have heard of a rare South African coin known as the Veld or Field Pond. Quite a few own one and quite a few of these are not genuine. Here is the story:

When the Boer War went against the settlers of Afrikaners, as they called themselves, and the British had seized most of the big cities like Johannesburg and Bloemfontein, the die-hards among the leaders did not wish to give up. Instead, they withdrew into the interior called the "Veld," or field, where it was easier to continue a guerilla type of warfare. That it was effective was proved by the British recourse to oppression of families of the fighters, and other measures not normally connected with English warfare.

Eventually, the Boers gave up; but even in defeat, it was necessary to pay the troops. The Boers had no longer any regular mints at their disposal. Especially gold was needed, since the country was rich in that metal, and the troops liked to be paid in it. Therefore the Boer High Command decided to issue its own coins in the field. A crude design, showing on one side the letters ZAR (South African Republic) above 1902, and on the other, the words EEN POND (1 Pound), was approved. The work was done by unskilled goldsmiths and the resulting coins were crude and rough in appearance. Since they were struck without collar, they sometimes differ slightly in size and thickness.

A fair number of the Veld Ponds was undoubtedly issued, although nobody knows how many. Many pieces were melted down after the Boer War also. During the interim between 1905 and the 1930's, pieces would appear now and again and bring reasonable prices with collectors. Unfortunately, a new rash of the Veld Ponds began to appear in the 1940's and were being offered at much less than they had been selling for before. They differed considerably from the usual design of the Veld Pond, in that the surface of the planchets was granulated and the letters of the inscription much less sharply defined. They were undoubtedly restruck pieces made from dies cast from originals.

-- Hans Holzer

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1893 Good 1.00; V. Good...	2.00
1894 Good 2.75; V. Good...	3.50
1899 V. Fine 3.00; Unc....	15.00
1909 Brilliant Proof.....	16.00
1911 Brill. Uncirculated.....	9.00
1911 V. Fine 2.00; Abt. Unc.	4.50
1912 V. Fine 2.00; Br. Unc..	9.00
1913 #1, Brill. Uncirculated...	3.50
1914 S, Uncirculated.....	35.00
1915 X. Fine 3.50; Br. Unc....	8.50
1916 Brill. Uncirculated.....	6.25
1923 Brill. Uncirculated.....	7.50
1926 Brill. Uncirculated.....	6.75
1927 S, V. Good 1.50; Fine...	4.75
1928 D, Brill. Uncirculated....	5.25
1929 Brill. Uncirculated.....	3.75
1930 Brill. Uncirculated.....	4.75
1930 S, V. Fine 1.50; X. Fine..	2.50

# QUARTERS

1892 O, Brill. Uncirculated...	\$32.50
1892 S, Brill. Uncirculated....	100.00
1893 O, Gd. 1.25; V. Good....	2.00
1893 S Mint, About Fine.....	6.50
1895 O, Gd. 1.25; V. Good...	2.00
1896 O, Gd. 3.50; Unc.....	125.00
1896-97-98-99 Very Good, each..	.75
1898 S Mint, V. Good-Fine.....	4.50
1898 O, Gd. 1.50; V. Good....	2.00
1900 S, Brill. Uncirculated....	67.50
1901 O, Abt. Gd. 3.50; V. Gd...	10.00
1902 O, Gd. 1.50; V. Good....	2.50
1902 S, Choice Ext. Fine.....	35.00
1903 O, Choice Ext. Fine.....	50.00
1903 O, Gd. 1.50; V. Good....	2.50
1904 O, Gd. 3.50; V. Good....	5.00
1905 S, Gd. 1.50; V. Good....	3.00
1906 Brill. Uncirculated.....	10.00
1915 S, Brill. Uncirculated....	32.50
1915 D, Fine 1.50; V. Fine..	3.00
1916 Barber, Unc.....	18.50
1919 S, Fine 32.50; V. Fine...	47.50
1925 Br. Unc, full head.....	12.50
1926 S, About Fine.....	4.75
1926 D, Brill. Uncirculated....	7.50
1927 Br. Unc, full head.....	12.50
1928 X. Fine 4.25; Unc.....	12.50
1928 S, Br. Unc. SPECIAL..	9.50
1928 D, Brill. Uncirculated....	9.50
1929 X. Fine 3.50; Br. Unc....	10.00
1930 Brill. Uncirculated.....	7.50
1932 Abt. Unc. 2.50; Br. Unc...	5.25
1932 S, Choice Ext. Fine.....	17.50
1932 S, Fine-V. Fine.....	7.50
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Very Fine.....\$2.00  
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## THE MEANING OF SPANISH COLONIAL LEGENDS ON COINS

Spanish-American coins generally bear a close resemblance to the coins of Spain, and are often undistinguishable from them except by mint marks or some minor variation of design.

By the same token, some of the crude "cob" types peculiar to the Spanish Colonies, especially during the 17th and 18th Centuries, came to be accepted in Spain proper as well, and as early as Philip II we find crude coins made in Spain itself.

## THE MEANING OF SPANISH COLONIAL LEGENDS (Continued)

On Colombian gold, for instance, the arms of Spain are surrounded by the Latin inscription "I follow illustrious names" or "Under God's auspices, I'm happy everywhere." In Mexico we find "Fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom" and on very early coins "Non Plus Ultra" - meaning, Nothing More Beyond - the Spanish boast of ruling a world in which the sun never sets, as Charles V put it in the 16th Century.

The ruler of Spain on Spanish-American coins refers to himself as "King of Spain and the Indies." Another peculiarity of overseas coinages is the continued use of the deceased ruler's bust with the title and name of the new king; this was due to the slowness in obtaining the actual portrait of the successor from Spain. It follows closely the example set by the mints in the various outlying provinces of the Roman Empire in the 2nd and 3rd Centuries after Christ. There, too, previous portraits accompanied new names until the new portrait arrived, sometimes a year late. A sad comment on Colonialism -- no change in fifteen hundred years!

The title of "King of the Indies" refers to the West Indies, of course, not to India proper or the East Indies, which never belonged to Spain. It does not merely indicate possession of the West Indies islands but includes the entire Spanish "Main" as well, the Viceroyalty of New Spain (Mexico) and Granada, as well as Peru and the East coast of South America.

On early Spanish-Colonial coins for Peru and Mexico, the so-called Cross of Jerusalem (sometimes also called the Cross of crutches) appears on one side of the coins. This refers to the claim all Spanish monarchs have maintained to the non-existent throne of the Kingdom of Jerusalem. This claim dates back to the Spanish crusaders and is shared -- or disputed, if one wishes -- by the Hapsburgs of Austria, the Bourbons of Naples, and even the Knights of Malta.

The columns appearing on the early coins of Peru (and Bolivia, which then formed part of Peru), refer to the term "Pillars of Hercules" by which the ancients called the Straits of Gibraltar. They have become synonymous with Spanish grandeur and overseas power, and are often represented on coins with the inscriptions of "Non Plus Ultra" or "Plus Ultra."

-- Hans Holzer